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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mukesh Dalal  
Serial No.: 09/528,457  
Filing Date: March 17, 2000  
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Examiner: Steven B. McAllister  
Title: System and Method for Multi-Party Constrained Optimization

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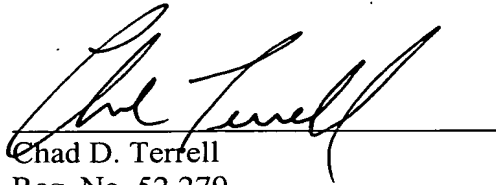
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